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E.O.11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: REFERENCE NEWS AIRS ISSUES IN SINO-US NORMALIZATION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THE PRC RESTRICTED-CIRCULATION DAILY  
REFERENCE NEWS RECENTLY CARRIED SEVERAL ARTICLES ON SINO-  
US RELATIONS WITH A COMMON THEME: NOW IS THE TIME FOR  
MOVEMENT TOWARD FULL POLITICAL NORMALIZATION. END  
SUMMARY.

2. ... MARCH 14 ISSUE OF THE PRC RESTRICTED-CIRCULATION  
DAILY REFERENCE NEWS (TSAN-KAO HSIAO-HSI) CARRIED SEVERAL  
ARTICLES FROM THE AMERICAN PRESS LINKED TO THE FIFTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.  
TWO ARTICLES ARE PARTICULARLY WORTHY OF NOTE:

--A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES,  
DATED FEBRUARY 21 FROM AN ATLANTA READER, ADVOCATING  
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AN IMMEDIATE US BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH  
TAIWAN.

--AN ARTICLE PRINTED IN THE SAN DIEGO UNION PRESS  
ON MARCH 6 TERMING THE SIXTH YEAR OF THE NEW SINO-US  
RELATIONSHIP A "DECISIVE STAGE." THE ARTICLE NOTES  
THAT THE CHINESE RECENTLY TOLD DAVID ROCKEFELLER

THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS THE FROZEN ASSETS  
ISSUE AND THAT THE 1976 DECLINE IN SINO-US TRADE WAS  
"POLITICAL." THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO DECLARE THAT  
THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY PREPARING TO PRO-  
POSE TO HUA KUO-FENG THAT THE US WILL ACCEPT THE  
"JAPANESE FURMULA" WITH CERTAIN UNDERSTANDINGS.  
AMONG THESE ARE A GUARANTEE OF CONTINUED US COMMERCIAL  
RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN. THE ARTICLE, AT LEAST AS  
CARRIED IN REFERENCE NEWS, NOTES THAT THE US-TAIWAN  
MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY IS A STUMBLING BLOCK TO  
NORMALIZATION BUT DOES NOT OFFER ANY RESOLUTION OF THE  
DILEMMA.

3. COMMENT: WE PRESUME THAT THE PURPOSE IN CARRYING  
SUCH ARTICLES IS TWOFOLD: TO LET THE CHINESE CADRE  
READERSHIP KNOW THAT THE NORMALIZATION BALL IS IN  
THE AMERICAN COURT AND TO EDUCATE THEM ON THE COMPLEXITIES  
OF THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS.  
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